

**THE FA YOUTH CUP
FIRST ROUND PROPER
TIES TO BE PLAYED BY SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026**

1	Chorley	v	Hartlepool United
2	Salford City	v	Barnsley
3	Rochdale	v	Cheadle Town
4	Crewe Alexandra	v	Oldham Athletic
5	Sheffield Wednesday	v	Gateshead
6	Blackpool	v	Accrington Stanley
7	Stockport County	v	Rotherham United
8	Blyth Spartans AFC	v	Doncaster Rovers
9	Fleetwood Town	v	FC Halifax Town
10	Wigan Athletic	v	York City
11	Tranmere Rovers	v	Pontefract Collieries or Newcastle Blue Star
12	Bradford City	v	Huddersfield Town
13	Milton Keynes Irish	v	Ilkeston Town
14	Chesterfield	v	Milton Keynes Dons
15	Northampton Town	v	Grimsby Town
16	Notts County	v	Burton Albion
17	Anstey Nomads	v	Leicester City
18	Port Vale	v	Shrewsbury Town
19	St Ives Town	v	Racing Club Warwick or Boston United
20	Mansfield Town	v	Peterborough United
21	Walsall	v	Solihull Moors
22	Southend United	v	AFC Wimbledon
23	Cobham	v	AFC Greenwich Borough or Merstham
24	Hayes & Yeading United	v	Kingstonian
25	Whitstable Town or Aldershot Town	v	Wycombe Wanderers
26	Luton Town	v	Stevenage
27	Hertford Town or Hemel Hempstead Town	v	Worthing
28	Barnet	v	Chatham Town
29	Colchester United	v	AFC Sudbury
30	Cambridge United	v	Walthamstow or Cockfosters
31	Chelmsford City or Leverstock Green	v	Leyton Orient
32	Leiston	v	Bromley
33	Slough Town	v	Gillingham
34	Reading	v	Cheltenham Town
35	Street	v	Swindon Town
36	Bristol Rovers	v	Forest Green Rovers
37	Chippenham Town	v	Eastleigh
38	Exeter City (walkover for Exeter City – Newport County withdrawn)	v	Newport County
39	Oxford United	v	Hereford
40	Plymouth Argyle	v	Mangotsfield United

MATCH DATES

All ties must be played by Saturday 31 October 2026. Kick-off 7.00pm, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

In the Competition Proper, when a match is drawn after 90 minutes, an extra 30 minutes shall be played (15 minutes in each half). If the score remains level after extra-time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

Matches in The FA Youth Cup Competition take priority over all other matches with the only exception being home first team commitments.

MATCH ARRANGEMENT FORM – DO NOT POST

Home Clubs must ensure that the Match Arrangement Form is completed and received by The FA Competitions Department by **Wednesday 21 October 2026** by emailing to competition.matcharrangements@thefa.com

Match Arrangement forms are available on TheFA.com under the following link:-

<http://www.thefa.com/TheFACup/More/match-forms>

PLAYER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Player Registration Deadline is **12 noon on the day previous to the date fixed for playing the match**, this includes postponements.

AGE GROUP BRACKETS

In all matches where a National League System Club is involved only those players are eligible to take part who have reached the age of 15 years by midnight on 31 August of the current season and not reached the age of 18 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season. **(For season 2026-27, a player must have been born on or after 1 September 2008 and before 1 September 2011).**

In matches in the Competition Proper involving only Clubs from the Premier League and/or the English Football League, only those players who have not reached the age of 18 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season are eligible to take part. **(For season 2026-27, a player must have been born on or after 1 September 2008).**

Competition Proper – Ties to be played by the closing date:-

Second Round Proper	Saturday 21 November 2026
Third Round Proper	Saturday 12 December 2026
Fourth Round Proper	Saturday 23 January 2027
Fifth Round Proper	Saturday 20 February 2027
Sixth Round Proper	Saturday 13 March 2027
Semi Final	Saturday 10 April 2027
Final	Saturday 8 May 2027